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Michael F. Easley, Governor Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary

Michael Moseley, Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Directors

FROM: Mike Moseley

SUBJECT: EPSDT Policy Statement

Attached please find a January 28, 2005 memorandum from Gary Fuquay, then Director of the Division of Medical Assistance, outlining Policy Instructions regarding the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Services (EPST) requirements of the Medicaid program. This policy guidance must be implemented on a statewide basis.

We understand that this policy may generate significant questions. We are in the early stages of working with the Division of Medical Assistance to train our staff on the full implications of these requirements. Following that, the two Divisions will work together to develop training materials for Area/County Program and mh/dd/sa provider staff.

We have designated Spencer Clark, as our primary contact for EPSDT questions. If you have immediate questions concerning this policy statement, please contact Spencer at Spencer.Clark@ncmail.net or by telephone at (919) 733-4670. We may not have all of the answers to your questions immediately, but we will ensure that we provide answers as quickly as possible.

cc: Secretary Carmen Hooker Odom

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